

Iowa Judicial Branch
Application for a Supreme Court Justice Position

(Revised: 5-7-2018)

Part 1: Personal Background Information Form
For Submission to the State Judicial Nominating Commission
See the "Instructions for Applicants" (a separate page)

1. Applicant's full name:

Terri Lynn Combs

2. Current occupation/title. (Lawyers: identify name of firm, organization, or government agency; judicial officers: identify title and judicial election district):

Lawyer/Partner Faegre Baker Daniels LLP

3. City and county of residence:

West Des Moines, Polk County

4. Age:

61

5. Gender (Female / Male):

Female

6. Race/ethnicity:

White/Caucasian

Please provide this information so we can determine the extent to which the Iowa courts are attracting candidates from diverse racial/ethnic backgrounds. *Please write in the one or two categories that best fit(s) your background.*

- Asian/Pacific Islander (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Indian, Pakistani, Filipino, Indonesian, native Hawaiian)
■ Black/African ■ Hispanic/Latina(o) ■ Native American (e.g., Meskwaki, Sioux, Inuit)
■ White/Caucasian ■ Other (write it in one of the boxes)

7. Are you related (within the third degree of consanguinity) to any of the members of the State Judicial Nominating Commission involved in the selection process for the position for which you are submitting this application? (Yes or No) If your answer is "yes," please explain.

No

8. Have you ever had a social relationship or business relationship (e.g., as a business or law partner) with any of the members of the State Judicial Nominating Commission involved in the selection process for the position for which you are submitting this application? (Yes or No) If your answer is "yes," please explain.

No

9. Explain why you are seeking this judgeship position:

The rule of law and respect for our judicial institutions are critical to our society. Being able to foster that and serve lowans would allow me to bring my experience, temperament and scholarship to this important role. The idea of serving as a judge has appealed to me ever since I worked as a law clerk many years ago. It is an important job, and one worth doing.

10. Explain how your appointment would enhance the court:

My law practice spans a 35-year period of ongoing litigation, trials, arbitrations, appeals and regulatory administrative investigations in different forums and jurisdictions. I have dealt with everything from multi-million-dollar complex business cases that carried criminal and regulatory issues, to smaller disputes for clients who could little afford a lawsuit. The practice of law is also changing with technology and judges have to understand how this affects the process. Practicing through these years impressed upon me the importance of process, fairness, prompt rulings, and the need for good courts. I have no personal agenda other than to uphold the law and to enhance respect for the Court and its authority.

11. Identify any offenses for which you have ever been **convicted** or pled guilty for the violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, *excluding* convictions that have been properly *expunged*. Do not include traffic violations for which the court imposed a fine of \$250 or less, unless you were arrested. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Convicted of (describe offense)	Seriousness of charge (e.g., serious misdemean., felony)	Location of court (County, State)	Disposition type (Plea, judge ruling, jury verdict)	Sentence / Penalty	Sentence date (mo/day/yr)

12. Has any local, state, or federal office/agency ever assessed or threatened to assess you with a civil or criminal penalty in connection with the reporting of, or **failure to report, your federal, state, or local taxes**? (Yes or No) If yes, provide details.

No

13. Have you ever been the subject of a **no-contact order**? (Yes or No) If yes, provide details (case number, county, state, date issued, date rescinded, and reason for the NCO).

No

14. Have you ever been a **party** in any **legal proceeding** (excluding traffic violation cases for which a fine of \$250 or less was imposed, unless you were arrested)? If yes, provide the following information: (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.) No

Case number	County, State	Date filed	Date close	Description of case and outcome

15. Have you ever been **publicly disciplined** in any manner for a breach of professional ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary board, or other professional group? If yes, provide the following information: (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.) No

Name of discipline board or agency	Date discipline imposed	Description of the ethics violation	Description of the public discipline

16. List each **college and law school** you attended, including the dates of attendance, the degree awarded, and your reason for leaving each school if you did not receive a degree from that institution was awarded. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

College(s) and Law School(s) – and reason for leaving, if applicable	Dates Attended (Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr)	Degree(s)	Month/Yr Received
Georgetown University Law Center	8/79 to 5/82	J.D.	5/82
Missouri State University (f/k/a Southwest Missouri State University)	8/75 to 5/79	B.S., summa cum laude	5/79

17. List any relevant **honors, prizes, awards**, or other forms of recognition that you have received for educational, professional, or community contributions/achievements. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Name/Title of Honor, Prizes, Awards	Awarded by:	Month/Yr Received
Management Board Member at Faegre Baker Daniels, LLP, an AmLaw100 law firm	FaegreBD Nominating Committee and the Partnership	March, 2012 - present
Chambers USA General Commercial Litigation, Band 1 as a group and Band 4 individually	Chambers and Partners	2012-2018
Great Plains Super Lawyers	Super Lawyers	2009 - present
FaegreBD Financial Services Industry Steering Committee	Faegre BD Chair	2012 – present
Representative for the U.S. District Court for the	U.S. Dist. Chief	2012

Southern District of Iowa to the 8 th Circuit Judicial Conference Planning Committee	Judge Robert Pratt	
Faegre & Benson Nominating Committee Chair	Faegre & Benson Chair	2010
Faegre & Benson Forum for Women's Achievement Steering Committee	Faegre & Benson Chair	2011
Des Moines Metro Opera Board	DSM Metro Opera Leadership and Board	1998-2014
Law Clerk to Hon. Myron H. Bright, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8 th Cir.	Judge Myron H. Bright	1982-1983
Faegre & Benson Des Moines Office Executive Partner	Faegre & Benson Management Board	2008-2013
Martindale Hubbell AV Rating	Martindale Hubbard	1998 (est) - present
Law Review Staff and then Case & Notes Editor for <i>The Tax Lawyer</i> Law Review at Georgetown University Law Center	The Editorial Board of the Tax Lawyer and Georgetown Law	1980 – 1982
Congressional Intern to Hon. Gene Taylor, U.S. Congressman (R, MO)	Congressman Taylor	Summer 1978

18. List all **articles and books** you have published; include the citations and dates. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

<i>Post-Award Proceedings and Appeals</i> , Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice Guide, Section 14:1 (Bette J. Roth, Randall W. Wulff and Charles A. Cooper, eds., 1993, 1996 - 2009)
Lying to the SEC: The Basics of the False Statements Statute, ALI-ABA Course Materials Journal, 23 rd Annual Securities Litigation Program (1999)
The Tests for Broker-Dealer Secondary Liability and The Tensions Between Regulatory Settlements and Customer Actions, ALI-ABA 22 nd Annual Securities Litigation Program (1997)

19. List all **public presentations** you have made at educational, professional, or other public forums; include the citations and dates. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Title of Presentation	City, State	Event Sponsor	Month & Year
How to Drive Your Legal Practice and Own Your Career	On Line Podcast	LeftFoot Business Development Podcast	June, 2016
Acceptance speech on behalf of Faegre	Des Moines, IA	Greater Des Moines	January,

Baker Daniels for Inclusion Award from Greater Des Moines Partnership		Partnership	2015
Ethics and the In-House Attorney: Whistleblower Issues	Minneapolis, MN	Association of Life Insurance Counsel Regional Roundtable	September, 2015
Complex Litigation: Preparing and Defending "Bet the Company" Cases	Atlanta, GA	Hispanic National Bar Association Corporate Counsel Conference	April, 2013
Panel Discussion: Seller Financing/Earnouts	Des Moines, IA	FBD M & A Conference	October, 2013
Going to Trial	Minneapolis, MN	Faegre & Benson 125 th Anniversary and Annual Meeting	2011
Arbitration vs. Litigation	Minneapolis, MN	Faegre & Benson Complex Litigation Summit	2010
When Big Brother Comes Calling: Regulatory Inquiries and the Resulting Internal Investigations and Parallel Litigation	Des Moines, IA	Iowa Association of Corporate Counsel	2010
Federal Rules Amendments and Discovery of Electronic Information	Des Moines, IA	Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. CLE	2007
Legal Developments in the Broker-Dealer/Securities Industry	San Antonio, Texas	Insurance Affiliated Broker Dealer Association	Spring 2006
Document Discovery in Complex Litigation	Des Moines, IA	Iowa State Bar Association: Corporate Counsel Section	2006
Ethical Issues for Corporate Counsel	Des Moines, IA	Principal Financial Group In-House CLE	2005
Alternative Dispute Resolution in Multi-Party or Large Dollar Disputes	Des Moines, IA	Iowa State Bar Association Trade Regulations/Corporate Counsel Seminar	2002
SEC Enforcement Developments: Internal Investigations and Supervisory Issues	Boston, MA	ALI-ABA Annual Securities Litigation Seminar	1999
Internal Investigations	Minneapolis, MN	Minnesota State Bar Association CLE	1998

SEC Enforcement Developments: Internal Investigations and Supervisory Issues	Boston, MA	ALI-ABA Annual Securities Litigation Seminar	1997
Objections at Trial and How To Deal with a Difficult Lawyer	Secaucus, NJ	National Practice Institute	1994
Securities Litigation	Baltimore, MD	Futures Industry Association Law & Compliance Workshop	1995

20. List all part-time and full-time **teaching positions** you have held. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Name of School / College	City, State	Name of Course(s)	Month/Yr to Month/Yr	Full-time or Part-time

21. List the courts or **jurisdictions** in which you are, or have been, **admitted to practice law**, including any administrative bodies with special admission requirements, and the dates of admission for each. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

State and federal jurisdictions in which you are, or have been, admitted to practice law	Month/Yr Admitted
District of Columbia	January, 1983
State of New York	June, 1984
State of Iowa	December, 1994
United States Supreme Court	April, 1987
United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit	June, 1983
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit	December, 1998
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit	May, 2006
United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa	December, 1994
United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa	January, 1995
United States District Court for the Southern District of New York	September, 1984
United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York	September, 1984

22. List chronologically the **employment** you have had *since your initial admission to practice law* in any state or federal jurisdiction. For each time period, provide the following information as applicable:

a. If you served as a law clerk to a judge, provide the name of the judge, the court, and the court's location.

Dates (From -- To)	Name of judge, name of court, and court location
7/82 to 7/83	Judicial Law Clerk to Hon. Myron H. Bright, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, St. Louis/St. Paul
8/83 to 7/86	Seyfarth Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson, New York, NY (approx. 350 attorneys) Associate Attorney.
7/86 to 7/94	Baer Marks & Upham, New York, NY (approx. 150 attorneys). Associate Attorney from 7/86 to approx. 12/92 and Partner from 1/93 through 6/94.
7/94 to present	Faegre Baker Daniels LLP, Des Moines, IA (formerly Faegre & Benson LLP). (750 attorneys). Partner from 6/94 to present.

b. If you have practiced law, provide the following information for each position you have held:

- (1) Name of the law firm(s), company, or government agency that employed you,
- (2) City and state where the office was located,
- (3) Number of attorneys in the law firm or agency,
- (4) Whether you were a partner in the firm,
- (5) The areas of law in which you practiced, and
- (6) A description of the typical clients you represented. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Dates (From -- To)	Description of law practice (address topics in 22(b)(1) – (6) for each time period)
8/83 to 7/86	Associate attorney, hired to support both the securities litigation and employment defense practices. Primarily worked in securities litigation. Typical clients were investment banking firms, public companies, and securities broker dealers. Spent substantial time working on a commodities case involving the alleged cornering of the silver market and a proxy contest involving a Texas public company.
7/86 to 6/94	My practice continued in securities litigation and expanded to regulatory administrative enforcement matters, as well as many different commercial disputes involving real estate deals, franchising, mezzanine financing, proxy contests, and shareholder squeeze-out litigation. Typical clients were investment banking firms, public companies, and securities broker dealers, as well as a franchising company and an entertainment company.
7/94 to present	Primary practice is in financial services litigation for clients in the banking, insurance, and financial services sectors, as well as litigation involving mergers & acquisitions. Typical clients have been banks, insurance companies, investment banking companies, corporate trusts, agricultural, communications, entertainment, and health care companies. I continue to practice in New York as well as Iowa, and in other jurisdictions on a pro hac vice basis.

23. Regarding your legal experience:

- a. Approximately what percentage of your court appearances have been in the following types of courts?

Type of court	% of appearances
(1) Federal courts	50%
(2) State courts	25%
(3) Administrative agencies	15%
(4) Other tribunals	10%

- b. Approximately what percentage of your time have you spent on the following types of cases?

Types of cases	% of your time
(1) Administrative	15%
(2) Civil	85%
(3) Criminal	
(4) Domestic	
(5) Juvenile	
(6) Probate	
(7) Other (describe):	

- c. In the past **10 years**, approximately how many cases have you **tried to a conclusion** (rather than settling) before a judge and before a jury? Indicate the number in which you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

Type of trial	Total # of trials	# as sole counsel	# as chief counsel	# as associate counsel
Tried before a jury	2	0	2	0
Tried before a judge*	0	0	0	0
Column Total	2	0	2	0

*not including arbitrations

- d. In the past **20 years**, in approximately how many cases have you have represented a party in an **appeal to an appellate court in any state or federal jurisdiction**? Indicate the number in which you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

Appellate court*	Total # of appeals:	# as sole counsel	# as chief counsel	# as associate counsel	# in which you presented oral argument
Iowa Supreme Court	3		2	1	2
Iowa Court of Appeals	2		2	0	1
Other state appellate court (identify):	1 (Calif)		1	0	1
Other state appellate court (identify):	1 Illinois			1	1
Other state appellate court (identify):					
Other appellate court (identify):					
Federal Circuit Court(s)	8	0	7	1	1
Total	14	0	13	1	5

* Count it as an appeal to an intermediate court of appeals (ICA) -- e.g., Iowa's Court of Appeals -- if the state intermediate court of appeal initially handled it; count it as a separate appeal to the supreme court (SC) if the SC accepted it upon a petition for further review from the ICA; count an appeal to the supreme court if the SC retained jurisdiction without first assigning it to the ICA. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

- e. Describe the general nature of your **current law practice**, including the substantive areas of the law in which you practice (e.g., civil, domestic, criminal) and the approximate percentage of time you have spent on each area over the **past five years**:

In the past five years my practice has focused on civil, business-oriented matters, primarily in the areas of mergers and acquisitions disputes and in financial services related litigation. These cases included, for example: (a) a dispute in Delaware Chancery Court over the fraudulent transfer of ownership rights to a limited liability company's assets, which in turn included stock listed on a London stock exchange; (b) a breach of contract action for a bank against a retail company that utilized the bank's credit card facilities for its retail customers; (c) a breach of an asset purchase agreement between the buyer and seller of an agricultural company; (d) defending against a suit by would-be purchasers of memberships in an Iowa limited liability company seeking to compel the transfer of shares; (e) defending against claims filed in Wyoming by the Receiver of a Chinese company against an investment banking firm that had underwritten the public offering of the company's stock; (f) representing a telecommunications company in a dispute regarding its municipal franchise agreement and (f) defending an agricultural company against a claim of interference with contractual relations by a competing company.

24. Describe three of the most significant legal matters that you have personally handled. For each of the significant legal matters include the following information:

- a. Title of the case and the county and state of venue,
- b. A brief summary of the substance of each matter,
- c. A succinct statement of what you believe to be the significance of it,
- d. The name of the party you represented,
- e. The nature of your participation in the case,
- f. Dates of your involvement,
- g. The outcome of the case,
- h. Name(s) and address(es) [city, state] of co-counsel (if any),
- i. Name(s) of counsel for opposing parties in the case, and
- j. Name of the judge before whom you tried the case.

Note: if the matter was *confidential*, please avoid the use of any information that may allow disclosure of the identity of the parties.

Significant legal matter #1:

- a. **Destra Targeted Income Unit Investment Trust, on behalf of Unitholders; Constellation Health Group, LLC; Constellation Health, LLC**, the Court of Chancery for the State of Delaware, C.A. No. 9574-VCL, filed December 27, 2016.
- b. We represented U.S. Bank Trust, the Master Trustee of an Income Unit Investment Trust in bringing suit on behalf of the trust against New York entrepreneur Parmjit Singh Parmar (Paul Parmar) and several of his LLCs alleging that defendants fraudulently diverted the unit trust holders' investments to LLCs he controlled and proceeded to dilute the trust holders' interests in a series of sham corporate transactions. We filed suit in the Delaware Chancery Court, obtained expedited discovery and, within one month of filing the action, successfully obtained a preliminary injunction prohibiting dissipation of some \$70 million in cash through a planned merger/going-private transaction in the UK that would have effectively cut off their interests. The U.S. Department of Justice has since filed criminal charges against Mr. Parmar. The action resulted in the preservation of at least \$75 million in cash proceeds for victims of this and other alleged frauds that otherwise would have left the country.
- c. Prior to our work the fraudulent actions at issue had gone undetected and unchallenged. The matter was highly complex and took intense teamwork in a very short time-frame. Prosecutors have relied upon and used our work to seize and preserve assets in forfeiture proceedings, and one of the Trust's unitholders (or beneficiaries) is an insurance company in receivership in Delaware and this is an asset that can be recovered for victims including our

client.

- d. We represented the plaintiff, Destra Targeted Unit Income Investment Trust.
- e. I served as lead counsel with respect to the Delaware litigation against Parmar, took the expedited discovery and argued the preliminary injunction motion that resulted in the preservation of funds.
- f. Dates of involvement in Delaware Court Proceeding: December 2016 to February 21, 2018
- g. The case is ongoing.
- h. Co-Counsel: Elizabeth Carter, Faegre Baker Daniels, LLP, Des Moines, IA; Michael B. Fisco and Peter Kieselbach, DLA Piper, LLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota; David J. Teklits, Thomas W. Briggs, Jr., and Zi-Xiang Shen of Morris Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell, LLP, Wilmington, Delaware.
- i. Opposing Counsel: Matthew Capozzoli, Robinson Brog Leinwand Greene, New York, NY; David C. McBride and Tammy L. Mercer of Young Conaway Stargatt & Talor, LLP Wilmington, Delaware.

Trial Judge: Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster

Significant legal matter #2:

- a. **REG Washington, LLC v. Iowa Renewable Energy, LLC**, et al., Equity No. EQCE 128952, filed, May 9, 2017, Scott County, Iowa District Court
- b. We represented Iowa Renewable Energy ("IRE") and IRE's officers and directors in a lawsuit brought by REG Washington, LLC ("REG"), a subsidiary of Renewable Energy Group, Inc. In late 2016 and early 2017, REG made a series of tender offers to IRE unitholders in which REG offered to purchase the IRE unitholders' interests in IRE. A small percentage of IRE unitholders agreed to sell their units to REG. IRE's Operating Agreement, however, prohibited a member from transferring its units to non-members absent prior approval by IRE's Board of Directors. When approval was sought, IRE's Board denied the transfer request, citing inter alia, potential adverse tax consequences. REG's lawsuit alleged IRE and the IRE Board's disapproval of the transfer to REG breached the Operating Agreement and violated Iowa law.
- c. The legal issue decided in this case—whether an LLC's operating agreement may validly restrict a member's ability to transfer his or her interests to a non-member to only those transfers previously approved by the LLC's Board of Directors—was a novel question of law for which the parties and the court found no existing case law directly on point. It also readily demonstrated the benefits of the Iowa Supreme Court's Iowa Business Specialty Court Pilot Project, which the parties utilized.
- d. We represented the defendant, Iowa Renewable Energy, LLC.
- e. I served as lead counsel for the defendant and argued the dispositive motion.
- f. Dates of involvement in Court proceeding: May 9, 2017 through September 27, 2017
- g. The Court granted our pre-answer motion to dismiss, holding that under Iowa law a limited liability company may restrict a member's ability to transfer his or her

interests to a non-member.

- h. Co-counsel: Chantel Kramme, Faegre Baker Daniels, LLP, Des Moines, IA
- i. Opposing Counsel: John F. Lorentzen, Christian P. Walk, and Keith P. Duffy, Nyemaster Goode, P.C., Des Moines, IA
- j. Trial Judge: District Court Judge John Telleen

Significant legal matter #3:

- a. **Union County, Iowa v. Piper Jaffray & Co.**, Civ. Action No. 4:06-cv-00374, filed July 3, 2006, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa.
- b. We represented investment banking firm Piper Jaffray & Co. in an action brought by Union County, Iowa in connection with General Obligation bonds the County issued to further a TIF financing project for development of the Crestland Co-op in Creston, Iowa, then in bankruptcy. The County alleged that Piper Jaffray, which acted as underwriter for the bonds, owed the county a fiduciary duty and failed in that duty by failing to explain fully to the County the risks of assuming obligations on the bonds.
- c. This matter lasted several years, with strong feelings on both sides. Underwriters of municipal bonds did not agree or understand that a fiduciary duty was owed as a matter of law by underwriters to issuers in bond transactions. We contended that the law did not equate such a duty unless the firm had acted as a financial advisor to the issuer of the bonds. It was a significant issue important to the municipal bond financing industry.
- d. We represented the Defendant, Piper Jaffray & Co.
- e. I served as lead counsel for the Defendants throughout the case and through a two-week jury trial.
- f. Dates of involvement in the proceeding: July 3, 2006 to August 3, 2011
- g. The jury returned a defense verdict on all counts except a cause of action for fraudulent nondisclosure and as to that claim the jury awarded the County \$1 in damages. The Court subsequently granted the Defendant Judgment as a Matter of Law on the remaining claim as well.
- h. Co-counsel: Jesse Linebaugh, Nicole N. Nayima, Faegre & Benson, LLP, Des Moines, IA, and Jerome A. Miranowski, Faegre & Benson, LLP, Minneapolis, MN
- i. Opposing Counsel: Timothy J. Hill, Kimberly H. Blankenship, Adam S. Tarr, and Natalie K. Ditmars, Bradley & Riley PC, Cedar Rapids, IA
- j. Trial Judge: United States District Court Judge Robert W. Pratt

25. Have you served as a judicial officer in any state? (Yes / No): If "No" – skip to # 26.

a. If "Yes" - provide the following information: (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Dates (From -- To)	Judicial title	County or District	Types of cases within your jurisdiction

b. If you have been a judicial officer in **Iowa** during the previous **five years**:

(1) How many times did you **fail** to file the monthly Rule 22.10 reports by the report deadline?

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(2) During the past **five years**, how many **cases** did you list on your Rule 22.10 reports that were more than the following number of days old from the time they were submitted for a ruling?

	120 days old	180 days old	240 days old	One year old
# of cases more than:				

26. If you are **currently** an officer, director, partner, sole proprietor, or otherwise engaged in the **management of any business enterprise or nonprofit organization** other than a law practice, provide the following information about your position(s) and title(s): (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Name of business / organization	Your title	Your duties	Dates (From -- To)

27. List all county, state, and national **bar association and professional organization memberships** and the years you have been a member of each (e.g., 1998 to present), and identify any committees on which you have served and offices you have held in those organization(s) - and the titles and dates of any offices you have held. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Professional associations to which you have belonged	Committees / Offices	Dates (From -- To)
Iowa State Bar Association	Member	2014 – present
Polk County Bar Association	Member	2001, 2003 - 2007, 2010 – present
Polk County Women Attorneys	Member, and possibly Board Member in late '90s	2018, and in late '90s possibly '00s
8 th Circuit Bar Association	2012 Judicial Conference Planning Committee	2017 – present
Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association	Law & Compliance Division	Approx. 1995 – 2017
Association of the Bar of the City of New York	Young Lawyers Committee	1987 – 1990

Association of the Bar of the City of New York	YLD Subcommittee Chair for Administration of National Finals of 39 th Annual National Moot Court Competition and Member of Executive Brief Judging Committee for 38 th , 39 th and 40 th Annual National Moot Court Competitions	1987 – 1990
Association of the Bar of the City of New York	Committee on Professional Discipline, Member	Approx. 1990 – 1992
American Bar Association	Member	Approx. 1983 – 1994

28. List all local, county, state, and national government (including but not limited to judicial branch) **commissions, task forces, or advisory committees** on which you have served - and any titles (e.g., chair) you have held on such commissions or committees. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Dates (From -- To)	Government commissions, task forces, etc. on which you served
2012	Representative from the U.S. District for the Southern District of Iowa to the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference Planning Committee

29. Describe your **pro bono** work during the past **10 years**:

a. Approximate number of pro bono cases you've handled:	4
b. Average number of hours of pro bono service per year:	10-15
c. Types of pro bono cases:	Represented spouse of police officer murdered in the line of duty as to estate and other related matters; staffed pro bono clinic for low income individuals for the Iowa Legal Aid Health and Law Project; assisted with an immigration matter

30. List any **employment outside of the legal profession** that you have had since graduating from law school that may be relevant to this application; include: (a) the dates, (b) organization or business for whom you worked, and (c) duties you performed. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Dates (From -- To)	Business / Organization Name, City, State	Your Duties

31. Have you ever held **public office** or have you ever been a candidate for public office? If the answer is "yes," describe the public office held or sought, the location of the public office, and the dates. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.) No

Dates (From -- To)	Public office(s): Indicate "Held" or "Sought" and Location

32. Provide the following information on your **military service** (if any): (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Dates (From -- To)	Military branch	Current Rank	Location and dates of service in other countries	Current Status (Active/Inactive)

33. List any **civic, charitable, religious, educational, social or fraternal organization(s)** to which you belong or provide volunteer services. Describe the nature of your involvement with the organization(s), including any offices you have held with the organization(s). (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Dates (From -- To)	Organization Name	Nature of your involvement
1994 to present	Central Presbyterian Church	Member and occasional choir member
1998 to 2014	Des Moines Metro Opera	Served as Board Member
1995 to present	Moingona Hunt	Member, Served as Board Member
2010? to present	North Hills Hunt	Social Member
2015? To present	Echo Valley Country Club	Member

34. List all the **social media applications** (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, LinkedIn) that you have used in the past **five years** and your account name or other identifying information (excluding passwords) for each account. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Social media application name	Account name or other identifying information
LinkedIn	tctcombs
Facebook	tctcombs
Instagram	tctcombs

35. **References:** List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of at least **five persons** who are in a position to provide knowledgeable comments about your qualifications for this judicial position.

Name	Address	Telephone number
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James L. Chosy Executive Vice President and General Counsel	U.S. Bancorp U.S. Bancorp Center 800 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55402-7020	612-303-7991
Michael A. Giudicessi Partner	Faegre Baker Daniels, LLP 801 Grand Ave. 33 rd Floor Des Moines, IA 50309	515-248-9000
Bruce G. Kelley President, CEO, and Treasurer	EMC Insurance Companies 717 Mulberry Street Des Moines, IA 50309	515-345-2950
Roger Kuhle (retired) Assistant Polk County Attorney	1038 Grimes Street Indianola IA 50125	515-962-0021
Timothy J. Oswald Managing Director	Piper Jaffray & Co. 3900 Ingersoll Ave. Suite 110 Des Moines, IA 50312	515-247-2358
Hon. Robert W. Pratt Senior District Judge	United States District Court Southern District of Iowa 123 East Walnut Street Des Moines, IA 50309	515-284-6254
Karen E. Shaff Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary	Principal Financial Group 711 High Street Des Moines IA 50392	515-247-6139

36. Provide any **additional information** that may reflect positively on you or which you believe would assist the State Judicial Nominating Commission in selecting nominees for this position.

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37. When you submit this **application** form, attach at least **two writing samples** (e.g., brief, opinion, or book) that reflect your personal work. Note: **Do not** submit a writing sample that includes confidential information about you or any other person unless you remove / redact the confidential information to obscure the identity of the parties and any information that may allow disclosure of the parties' identity.

38. Certification. I certify under penalty of perjury and pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa that the information I have provided above is true and correct.

Applicant's signature:



Attorney PIN:

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Date:

June 26, 2018